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Quotes – Penn State vs. Texas A&M

Penn State Head Coach Mike Rhoades

On loss to Texas A&M: “Appreciate the opportunity to be in this tournament. I just thought we couldn't make enough plays to get back in striking distance. And Texas A&M has a very, very good team. They've got vets and they're tough. And we didn't get enough stops when we needed them. We got our offense flowing a little bit in that second half. Just couldn't get stops, couldn't get 50/50 balls. And that was the difference in the game...You gotta get 50/50 balls and I thought they just punished us in the paint today. And, you know, my teams usually don't get punished in the paint, but it's something we gotta get better at.”

On Kanye Clary: “He's just such a dynamic player because he's so quick off the dribble. It's just fast and you know we don't want him to be a robot. We want him to have the ball in his hands like Ace too and go make plays and he can score it. He can finish for a guy his size. He can finish different ways at the rim, but just his slow speed is faster than the average player in college basketball. And then when he gets to fourth and fifth gear, I mean, that's really hard to guard.”

On being at the ESPN Events Invitational: “Yeah, it's what we signed up for. I mean this is the fun of it. I'd rather play games - I love practice, don't get me wrong, but we all love games. And look, all these teams are here and their fans over Thanksgiving watching college basketball. You know, you gotta be thankful for that. But now my goal as a coach is don't let today's game beat us twice, beat us tomorrow. And that's in the next 24 hours. We gotta get our guys feeling good and loose and get ready to go and try to go win another game against a really good team.”